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The controlling thought in the selection and arrangement of the material was to give a true conception of the conference, to increase the motive power of the church, to enlarge its vision of the great world field, and to promote the development of a science of missions.

A brief history of the conference has been prefixed as a record of its organization and characteristics, and the subject-matter of the book divided as follows: (1) The Story of the Conference. (2) The Missionary Idea. (3) The Survey of the Field. (4) Missionary Work, and (5) Appendix, containing the detailed Programme and Organization of the Conference, Statistics, Bibliography and Index.

It may be safely said, that however small the interest of the reader may be in foreign missions, he will find something in this book worthy of his attention.

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The Twentieth Century Number

The Twentieth Century number of the EVANGELIST has met with favor every where, at least we have heard nothing but praise for it. We are glad to learn that our people are so well pleased with the paper which involved considerable expense and no small amount of labor. We still have quite a number of extra copies left, and shall be glad to

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Personal Mention

Sister Crunkilton, Ankenytown, Ohio, is one of the new students enrolled for this term.

The article by Brother Hazlett in this issue was read at the Pennsylvania State Conference last Fall.

In order to "catch up" Brother Furry gives us notes on topics for two different dates, January 13 and 20.

Sister Wampler, of near Dayton, Ohio, enrolled as a student at Ashland College, at the opening of this term.

Sister Ada Sanger and brother Harvey Holsinger spent their vacation in the vicinity of Miamisburg, Ohio.

Brother J. M. Murray is engaged in revival work at the Sugar Grove, Pa., congregation, and already three have confessed Christ.

Brother William Kiefer, Pleasant Home, Ohio, reports another accession to the Mount Zion congregation and the church in splendid working order.

Brother McCullough spent last Sabbath at Williamstown, Ohio, preaching for the Brethren at that place. He reports having had a very pleasant visit, and will return to them again.

Brother Ditch, Falls City, writes, "Meetings are progressing nicely. Large crowds and good interest. Am delighted with the Twentieth Century BRETHREN EVANGELIST. God bless you." Thanks, brother.

Brother Wampler has been having some very interesting meetings in his travels. He reports two accessions by baptism and three applicants awaiting baptism. He is now at Oakville, Pa., holding forth the word of life to soul hungry people.

Brother J. A. Swihart is holding a meeting for the congregation at North Liberty, Indiana. Two sisters have been received into fellowship by letter, the church revived, with prospects for a good work. A full report of the meeting will appear after its close.

Estie Baird is a dear little sister but ten years old who orders the EVANGELIST, *Purple and Gold*, the Life of Moody and the *Annual*, enclosing a two dollar bill. She says, "These are all going to be my own." We hope she will be blest in the reading of them.

A postal card from Brother Folk, Louisville, Ohio, states that the congregation at that place expects Brother Lyon, Washington City, to preach a few sermons for them and North Georgetown in the near future. January 1, 1901 the congregation had an all day business meeting at which both peace and harmony prevailed.

Brother Menaugh writes us an encouraging private letter, and also a communication for the paper which appears on another page. He seems to be none the worse off spiritually for having passed thru a siege of sickness. Blessed is the man who can go thru such a trial and come out better. So the Lord intended it.

We are in receipt of an encouraging letter from Sister Williams, Barron, Wisconsin, referring to her connection with the Conservative church, and desire to become a member of the Brethren church. We often wish, she says, for the Progressive Ship to come by that we might get on board with them. Wisconsin seems to be a good field for the Brethren,

and we hope some one will sail in that direction and take "on board" those who are ready to accept the gospel-alone doctrine of the Brethren.

The ten day's meeting in the Miamisburg congregation, conducted by the pastor, Brother Beachler, resulted in six accessions, four of which were reported last week. Brother Beachler is doing excellent work in that congregation. He has within himself the natural qualifications, the element's that enter into the "make up" of a good pastor and preacher.

Last week we made Brother Furry say, "Why should Saint Paul say, 'I must see Rome;' was he not as free as me?" for "Was he not as free as we?" College Professors are not expected to make such blunders in Grammar, and Professor Furry does not; it was some one else's fault. Please pardon, brother.

Brother Koontz gives an interesting report of his recent trip to New Jersey, Baltimore, Washington. In the congregation of which Brother Smith is pastor he conducted a revival resulting in eight accessions. He speaks very encouragingly of the work in Washington, and rightly urges the importance of a better support of the work.

The Meyersdale, Pa., pastor always fares well at Christmas, in fact the whole year round, but especially so at such a time, and from his report in this issue it seems that the members of his several charges make an effort each year to outdo all previous efforts. He has been engaged for another year at an increased salary, all of which speaks well for the pastor and his people.

Brother Hixson writes, "The EVANGELIST is indispensable for the happiness of a Brethren home." Thanks, brother. That is what you thought while you were yet "alone." It will be more so now. This one thing is certain: Either there are some unhappy Brethren homes or else they do not think as you do, Brother Hixson.

Two sisters from Pennsylvania, Adda and Lucy Saylor, Friedens, have become students of Ashland College. The number is increasing, and the encouraging feature is that more and more are enrolling from Brethren congregations. Those who have not yet learned, will learn sooner or later, the importance of supporting our educational institution both in money and students.

The Bear Creek congregation, Ohio, of which Dr. Mackey is pastor, recently enjoyed a revival meeting resulting in two accessions and the church greatly built up. The communication from that congregation, signed "A Member of the Congregation," is interesting, but would be more so if the name of the contributor appeared. All contributors will kindly remember that it is the rule of the office to publish only properly signed articles.

Sister Susie Kline, of Washington writes, "I received my premium book, the Life of Moody and two copies of the Annual. Please accept thanks. The book is just grand. I can not read it without weeping. I wish we had more men like him. God grant his life may be a blessing to the world." We have heard nothing but praise for this book, and naturally we are pleased because our customers are so well satisfied with what we furnish them for so small a cost.

Brother Gillin furnishes food for thought in his report of the year's work of the Brethren church so far as accessions are concerned. He is a careful reader of the paper, and contributors may be assured that very few things escape his notice. Such readers and supporters the paper needs. Again, the year's work shows, that while we have made progress, it is altogether possible to double the number of accessions if we will. Let this first year of the new century be one marked by a much larger increase in the membership of the church. True the progress of a church must not always be measured by the number of accessions, or its mere growth by accretion, yet it is the business of the